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Fellow 34th District Democrats,

It's Halloween night as I write this, and there are scary things happening in Burien this year where a group of candidates calling themselves "Burien First, Burien Proud" have aligned themselves with some of the worst elements in Burien, West Seattle and nationally in a campaign of fear, scapegoating and intimidation.

After an unconscionable letter targeting immigrants was circulated in Burien, it's more important now than ever that we take action in support of our endorsed Burien City Council candidates: Nancy Tosta, Pedro Olguin, Jimmy Matta and Krystal Marx!

Fortunately we've got these "Fantastic Four" candidates running a positive campaign with a hopeful, inclusive and optimistic vision of a Burien where small local businesses thrive and everyone is welcome.

We've had some very successful doorbelling events in Burien this year and we've got some additional opportunities to get involved and make a real difference in the quality of life here in the 34th:

Fundraiser for Burien's Fantastic Four
Wednesday November 1, 6-8PM
Azteca Mexican Restaurant - Burien
15735 Ambaum Blvd SW

Candlelight Vigil and Procession Against Hate
Wednesday November 1, 8:30PM
Burien Public Library
400 SW 152nd

Stand Up to Hate: Day of Action in Burien with Pramila Jayapal
Saturday November 4, 10AM
Tijuana Restaurant
1841 S 120th St

GOTV for Burien
Sunday, November 5, 10AM-1PM
Tijuana Restaurant
1841 S 120th St

Also, another important race where you can make a big difference is in the 31st LD where our candidate

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November 8, 2017

Meeting Notice

The Hall at Fauntleroy, 9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA - Parking behind the Hall
Accessible by Metro "C" Line

6:30 Potluck Social Time, please bring a dish to share

7:00 Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies

Pledge of Allegiance

VIP Acknowledgements

Review and Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Adoption of the Agenda

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Reports of Officers

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

Program

Seattle Ranked Choice Voting and the Seattle Charter Amendment 27 Signature Gathering Campaign

Unfinished Business

8:30 New Business

8:50 Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

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KCDCC Meeting October 24th, 2017

King County Dems are still raising money. 142K for the year, 10K in outstanding pledges. Goal for the year is 175K. Regarding last month's request from the committee, the State Code of Conduct and PCO Vetting Application and endorsement requirements that the committee was concerned about, Chair Bailey Stober had a 2 hour long phone conversation with Tina Poddowski (State Chair) which resulted in the party switching course and holding off to include more people in the discussion of those items. They have suggested adding LD chairs to the discussion. State Chair will be attending the November KCDCC meeting to take questions from the organization.

New committee assignments coming up in the new year. The committee will be holding election for Jessya Lewis's State Committeewoman seat in November, as well.

Bailey travelled to eastern WA and will continue to visit there. He is running for Chair of Chairs in State Party, which will require additional travel. He is currently State Party Secretary. He is running against the current vice chair of the state party. It is delayed for 6 months for the State Party meeting in Wenatchee.

Bailey recommended that LD chairs begin succession planning and that they reflect on diversity in succession. In the local party (17 LDs), we have 1 person of color and 3 women.

The King County Dems would like to encourage people to volunteer on the east side for John Murphy - contact greg@electjohnmurphy.com

Resolution to Stop the Sweeps and Fund Homeless Services:

To support the Affordable Housing Alliance's 2018 Seattle City budget demands to Stop the Sweeps of homeless encampments and to fund affordable housing and social services and will notify the Mayor and Seattle City Council thereof. There are 3,857 unsheltered and 4,665 sheltered homeless people living in Seattle. PASSED unanimously.

KCDCC LAC meeting is being held on November 12th from 11 am to 1pm at Tukwila Library 14380 International Blvd Topic: Preparing the 2018 Legislative Agenda.



Dale Bright, Dale Cannon and the members of Laborers 252 are honored for their contributions to the 34th Democrats.

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

All meetings of the 34th District Democrats are open to any of our members.

Executive Board

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 18th Ave SW
Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, November 14, 11:30 am

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12-1:30 pm

Burien Drinking Liberally

No DL Burien in November

The next meetup will be:
Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
Thursday, **December 7**, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room
Check www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 pm
Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

Treasurer's Report for November Newsletter	
Balance as of October 1, 2017.....	\$ 28,251.49
Add Revenues	\$ 175.06
Less Expenses	\$ 5,817.90
Balance as of October 28, 2017	\$ 22,608.65

West Seattle Democratic Women Service Party

For many years, the members of the West Seattle Democratic Women have designated their December meeting every year as a service party. After our regular luncheon is served, members fill 100+ gift bags with sample- and hotel/travel-size items, which members collect and bring in for this event (shampoo/conditioner/lotion, lip balm, tooth brush/& paste, cosmetic samples, perfume samples, spa/facial masks, aromatherapy products, mani-pedi products, individually wrapped gourmet chocolates, etc.).

We will be collecting the above items at the 34th Democrats' November and December meetings.

Please bring any of these items if you can!

Some of our members have connections with dentists and other businesses and have generously donated the items we use to fill the "Holiday Goody Bags", which we then deliver before Christmas to the White Center Food Bank. With the many members in attendance working together, we usually finish filling all the gift bags with time to spare, and with the time remaining at our get-together, those wishing to participate bring a humorous wrapped gift or something they wish to re-gift (wrapped) and we have a White Elephant (or in our case a "White Donkey") gift exchange where we can share some laughs and maybe, if someone is lucky, go home with something they actually want!

Anyone is welcome to attend this festive Holiday-Gathering-to-Do-Good, and we'd be thrilled if you have any extra, unopened sample- and hotel/travel-size items in your home that you want to bring in to help fill the gift bags! And you must bring a wrapped White Donkey gift if you want to participate in the exchange! There will be a bin, labeled with WSDW.

Save the date:

Luncheon/Meeting - **Thurs, Dec. 21, 2017** Location – TBA
Registration and social time - **11:15am** Lunch - **11:30am**
Meeting Business conducted at around **11:45am**
Gift Bag-filling will commence sometime around **12:00pm**
White Donkey Gift Exchange begins around **12:45pm**
Meeting Adjourns at **1:15pm**
Contact Rachel Glass for more info: werdachel@aol.com

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Letters and Submitted Articles

We are Democrats, and like most Democrats we have strong opinions and like to express them. We welcome letters and articles. .

All submissions are subject to editing. If submissions need to be shortened, you will be given the option of editing your own work.

Photos and notices of upcoming events are always welcome.

The deadline for the December newsletter will be Friday, December 1.

Mail to Steve Butts,
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146
or email to swbutts@comcast.net

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...

Chair **David Ginsberg** used his report to inform the membership of a complaint against us filed with Washington State Public Disclosure Commission on Thursday October 4th. The filer, Glen Morgan, has submitted 100's of complaints to the PDC against Democratic LD and county organizations as well as candidates. He plans to continue these harassing filings.

Morgan alleges that candidates and campaigns have failed to correctly report debt and break down spending, or not properly filing personal financial-disclosure statements. In most cases, these allegations are unfounded, or play off ambiguities in the PDC rules, and in the case of the 34th District Democrat are not based in fact or reality.

The Chair expressed anger at the fact that we will need to divert money to pay for legal fees to counter the charges put forth against us, money that could instead be used for our main purpose: Electing Democrats. Fortunately the 34th is financially strong, but other, smaller LD's could face bankruptcy as they defend against these frivolous charges. Treasurer Gina Topp is working with a lawyer from a firm that has handled many of these cases, one that was recommended to us by the Washington State Democratic Party. The plan is to have the Attorney General sue us, and pay whatever the fine is, rather than to go to court to defend against Morgan directly with potentially costly legal fees.

On a brighter note, the Chair also reported that there was a strong turnout for the Burien canvass with Rep. Pramila Jayapal on the Saturday the 7th. Over 80 volunteers showed up from unions and Democratic groups. 2,057 doors were knocked. We were reminded that face-to-face interaction is the most effective campaign tool.

Ann Martin, LAC Chair, informed us of a petition drive that has just started to put "Ranked Choice Voting" on the bal-



Chair David Ginsberg gives his report



Leonardo Flor explains King County Proposition 1

lot. It is sponsored by Fair Vote Washington and Fix Democracy First. They will need to get 33,000 signatures by early March 2018.

The main program was a presentation by **Leonardo Flor** describing King County Prop. 1, the Veterans, Seniors and Vulnerable Persons Levy renewal that will be on the November ballot. It is currently 5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, and is scheduled to end this year if not renewed. The new levy is expanded to include seniors.

Currently half of the funds go to vets and the other half go to those in need of services that includes but are not limited to, Mobile Medical Services, WIC, help for the homeless and affordable housing. 2,056 units have been built thanks to the levy. In all, 42 different programs are funded through it. Veterans are assisted in such manners as job training and housing.

As King County ages, more will be needed for services for seniors. Among other assistance, senior programs will help those seniors who still wish to work to do so. This will lessen social isolation, which is detrimental to the physical health of older people. Half of the 1/3 for seniors would go to veteran seniors. This restriction would end when 75% of veteran seniors are housed or \$24 million spent, whichever comes first.

Vulnerable populations are currently substance abusers, sexual assault survivors, LGBTQ populations, ex convicts seeking reintegration into society for example.

The community would be asked to prioritize fund allotment. When asked if there are any other counties in the state that have comparable services, Flor replied that King County is actually the only one in the nation to provide these services. The levy serves as a means to fill in gaps between federal and state programs.

If not approved, \$18.5 million in services will cease. Proposition 1 will raise the levy to 10 cents per assessed property value, and will cost the average homeowner an additional \$27-28 per year. The levy was endorsed later in the meeting.

Joe McDermott spoke about Safe Injection Sites, and the efforts to have them banned via Initiative I-27, that would appear on the ballot in February 2018. He wants to have a full debate on it. He would like to see a 3 year pilot for 2 sites in drug hot spots. He will be bringing the issue to the County Council (*Note: Since the meeting, I-27 has been ruled against, and may not be on the ballot.*)

Michael Taylor-Judd suggested that Halloween Trick or Voting is a fun way to canvass/walk your precinct, as people tend to be home and will be expecting people at the door. PCO Chair **Brooks Salazar** was present to print walk lists and to issue our endorsement guides.

Annie Phillips asked us to help with sign-waving in Burien on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 7 to remind people to return their ballots.

Secretary **Jason Cheung** is now the PCO for BUR 34-0402. He has recently moved into that precinct.



County Councilmember Joe McDermott explains his plans for an Injection Site Pilot Program he wishes to put forth.

RESOLUTION to Stop the Sweeps and Fund Homeless Services

Whereas, the 2017 “Count Us In” study found 3,857 unsheltered and 4,665 sheltered homeless people living in Seattle, a significant increase from findings of the 2016 One Night Count of Seattle’s homeless population; and

Whereas, communities of color are disproportionately impacted by the homelessness crisis, with the “Count Us In” study finding 29% of the homeless population identifying as African American compared with 6% of Seattle’s general population, 14% identifying as Latino or Hispanic compared with 9% of Seattle’s general population, 6% identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native compared with 1% of Seattle’s general population; and

Whereas, the scale of the homelessness crisis compelled the City of Seattle to declare a State of Civil Emergency on Homelessness in November of 2015, and this State of Emergency has continued over the intervening two years as the crisis continues to worsen; and

Whereas, the City of Seattle carried out 601 “sweeps” of homeless encampments in 2016 alone, depriving Seattle’s most vulnerable people of their possessions and shelters, costing the City millions, while not helping alleviate the crisis; and

Whereas, in stead of sweeps, the City of Seattle should fund services that are humane towards homeless community members, and that improve community health and safety conditions, such as more temporary shelters, authorized encampments, garbage removal and cleanup services, portable toilets, access to shower and laundry, case-worker access, and mental health services; and

Whereas, the City of Seattle should prioritize the need for shelter, services, and housing experienced by homeless youth and survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse and violence; and

Whereas, rents in Seattle have skyrocketed out of control over the past several years, with rentjungle.com reporting that average rent for a 1BR apartment in Seattle in August 2017 was \$2,066/month, up from \$1351/month in 2011, an increase of \$715/month over the last six years; and

Whereas, a prominent study in the Journal of Urban Affairs found a direct correlation between rising rents and the increase in homelessness, noting that every \$100 increase in median rent resulted in a 15% increase in homelessness in metro areas; and

Whereas, the private housing market cannot be relied upon to provide affordable housing to ordinary working people, with the Seattle Times reporting that “92% of the 31,000 new market-rate apartments that have opened in Seattle this decade have been luxury units;” and

Therefore be it Resolved that the 34th Legislative Democrats support the Affordable Housing Alliance’s 2018 Seattle City budget demands¹ to Stop the “Sweeps” of homeless encampments, and to fund affordable housing and social services and will notify the Mayor and Seattle City Council thereof.

Passed by 34th Legislative District Democrats _____, David Ginsberg, Chair

The AHA demands are: 1. Stop the sweeps of homeless community members; 2. Fund social services for everyone’s safety and health, as an alternative to sweeps; 3. Fund services for homeless children in Seattle public schools and survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse; 4. Urgently build more affordable housing. Read the full AHA budget sign-on letter here: <https://goo.gl/FCazSG>

Submitted by Carrie Alexander, King County Committeewoman

Passed by 36th District Democrats on October 18, 2017 and King County Democrats on October 24, 2017

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Michelle Rylands has a real shot at flipping a Senate seat. The Washington State Democrats are hosting a phone bank to help push Michelle across the finish line:

31st LD GOTV Phonebank
Thursday, November 2, 5:30-8:30PM
Washington State Democratic Party
615 2nd Ave, Suite 580, Seattle

The stakes have never been so high in the 34th, and your participation has never been more important. Please join us at as many of these events as possible!

Thanks for all you do and we hope to see you all for the election push this week so we'll have much to celebrate at our next meeting!

In solidarity,

David Ginsberg
Chair, 34th District Democrats



Rep. Pramila Jayapal address canvassers at the Oct. 7 "Day of Action" in Burien. Over 80 volunteers showed up and 2057 doors were knocked.

Did You Know...

...that The 34th District Democrats is the only LD with a licensed Bartender at its meeting?

The Washington State Democrats are asking all Democratic Meetings not to provide alcohol at their meetings to limit liability...But due to the fact that we have a bartender, 34th can continue to offer beer and wine to our members...Cheers!

Hat tip: Treina Aronson



Our Endorsed Candidates for November 7

SEATTLE

Mayor: **Jenny Durkan**
City Council Pos. 8: **Teresa Mosqueda**
City Council Pos. 9: **Lorena González**
City Attorney: **Pete Holmes**

KING COUNTY

Executive: **Dow Constantine**
Sheriff: **John Urquhart**
Council Pos. 5: **Dave Uptegrove**
North Highline Fire District Pos. 1: **Liz Giba**

BURIEN

City Council Pos. 1: **Pedro Olguin**
City Council Pos. 3: **Jimmy Matta**
City Council Pos. 5: **Nancy Tosta**
City Council Pos. 7: **Krystal Marx**

SEATTLE SCHOOL BOARD

Pos. 1: **Eden Mack**
Pos. 5: **Zachary DeWolf**
Pos. 7: **Betty Patu**

PORT OF SEATTLE

Pos. 1: **Ryan Calkins**
Pos. 3: **Stephanie Bowman**
COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION 1, DISTRICT 1
Judge Pos. 2: **Michael Spearman**
Judge Pos. 5: **David Mann**

PROPOSITIONS

King County Prop 1 – Levy Lid Lift For Veterans,
Seniors And Vulnerable Populations

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